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## Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Program Eligible Projects & Application Guidelines

## **Eligible Projects**

- Safety & ethics projects such as a local club or friend group providing safety & educational training in local schools;
- Providing safety & training materials to the recreating public (brochures, film/video production, posters, signage, educational outreach);
- Trail Steward positions;
- OHV trail improvement projects (trail reroute, bridge crossing, etc.);
- Construction/installation of informational kiosks and other trail signage;
- Noxious weed eradication efforts; and,
- Or other safety, educational, resource maintenance, protection or improvement projects.

## **Application Guidelines**

- Eligible applicants include clubs, friends' groups, associations, city, county, federal & state agencies, etc. State OHV grant dollars cannot be awarded to a forprofit entity.
- Submit OHV applications using www.fundingmt.org.
- Applicants will be scored based on six criteria. See *Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Program Scoring Criteria*.
- Non-Federal Applications
  - Maximum per individual application is \$20,000.
- Federal Trail Steward grant applications:
  - Are limited to one (1) position per application.
  - Maximum funding amount per individual application is \$16,000.
  - OHV grant funds will cover salaries only.
- Applicants should be aware that funding adjustments are often made in order to award the most projects in an effort to achieve the greatest benefit State-wide.
- Federal agencies submitting applications are strongly encouraged to form partnerships at
  the local level for their respective projects. Examples might include a local OHV club
  providing time and labor to combine with a proposed Federal Trail Steward position, or a
  funding match from a local Chamber of Commerce for a signage project on Federal
  lands.
- Friends groups, local clubs and other entities are likewise encouraged to form partnerships with other user interest groups, Federal agencies, dealerships, etc.
- Environmental Review Documents and Support Letters are valid for up to <u>three</u> years if you have no variations (no changes in your project scope) from previous grant applications.